CHINA'S LARGEST NAVAL STATION

Wrested From the Japanese After the Late War.

AN OPEN PORT IN WINTER

LONDON, December 18-A dispatch to the Standard from Vienna says it is rumored there that the Russians have occupied Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, which is situated at the extremity of the Leao-Tong peninsula, has practically been in the hands of Russia for some time past. After the Japanese evacuated the port, which was the scene of the terrible massacre of Chinese during the war with Japan, Russian engineers began supervising the reconstruction of the docks and forts, which had been destroyed by the Japanese previous to leaving the

China's Largest Naval Station. Previous to the war between China and

Japan Port Arthur was the largest naval station possessed by the Chinese, and was strongly fortified.

There was a naval dock yard there, built by the French company, a large refitting basin with a depth of 25 feet at low water, spacious wharves and quays, two docks, one 400 feet long, and facilities for repair-ing ships of all sizes, from iron-clads to torpedo boats. The foundries and workshops were constructed on the most im-proved models and contained the best modern machinery.

Japan Coveted the Prize.

Japan was very anxious to hold Port Arthur permanently, but Russia strongly objected and would have backed up her objections by force. Russia's great anxlety to possess Port Arthur is due to the fact that the harbor is free from ice all the winter, which is not the case with Vladivostock, the present headquarters of the Russian fleet in the far east. It is proposed to connect Port Arthur with the Russian railroad now being built through Manchuria, which in turn will com-with the great Trans-Siberian railroad.

GEN. MERRIAM AT PORTLAND.

He Will Arrange for Transportation of Supplies to Yukon.

PORTLAND, Ore., December 18.-Brigadier General H. C. Merriam, commanding the department of the Columbia, was here in consultation with a committee of the Portland chamber of commerce regarding the transportation of relief to the Yukon miners. Gen. Merriam, in accordance with instructions from Secretary of War Aiger, will detail two officers, who will probably leave here for Dyea on the steamer Eldor, which sails December 23.

Gen. Merriam has not yet designated the officers who are to proceed to Dyea, but will probably issue the order tomorrow The relief committee have engaged eighty-five men, whose services will be offered to the War Department in transporting supplies to the north.

NOT ENTITLED TO CITIZENSHIP.

Judge Springer Decides the Watts Case Adversely.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., December 18.-The Watts citizenship case, which interests more than 300 applicants, has been decided by Judge Springer, who affirmed the decision of the Dawes commission, and held that the claimants were not entitled to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

In 1871 the claimants, who came from Tennessee and Georgia, were admitted to the Cherokee Nation, but in 878 another court of the nation held that they were not entitled to citizenship.

COACHES TURN UPSIDE DOWN.

Peculiar Accident to Limited Express Train in Iowa. VAIL, Iowa, December 18.-The overland

limited on the Northwestern railroad, which left Chicago at 6 o'clock last night, ran into an open switch near here at 6 o'clock this morning. Every car was overturned, but according to the best information now obtainable, not a single passenger or trainman was seriously hurt.

The mail catch, it seems, flew out from the mail coach, which was next the engine. The catch struck the catch lever, broke :t off and opened the catch, forming a "lip." The train was going at the rate of sixty miles an hour. The engine and mail car remained on the track, but the buffet car, two sleepers and two coaches were com-pletely overturned on the prairie. Every-bedy on board was knocked about considerably, and many were scratched and bruised, but not a single person was killed or apparently seriously injured. A re-lief train was sent to the wreck, and within a short time the passengers were on their

ZANOLI'S CASE GOES OVER.

Prosecution Was Not Ready to Try It Tony.

NEW YORK, December 18.-Charles Zanoli, who is accused of homicide, in causing the death of his fourth wife, and whose accumulations of insurance money upon the lives of others have given rise to suspicions of wholesale murder, was again arraigned today in police court. It was expected that the charge of murder would be made against him, but as the prosecu-tion was not ready with its evidence, the case went over to December 28.

SUPPORTED BY THE STATE.

Ministers' Reports on Postal Telegraphs, Telephones and Banks.

In answer to a Senate resolution adopted at the extra session, the Secretary of State mentary information collected by United States ministers abroad as to postal telegraphs, postal telephones and postal savings banks in foreign countries. The reports are in all of the European languages, and are all from official sources, compris-ing a most complete history of the develop-ment of these various government agencies and the plan of operation in each country.

BIG FAILURE IN WHISKY TRADE.

R. Monarch Makes an Assignment, With \$750,000 Liabilities.

OWENSBORO', Ky., December 18 .- R. Monarch, for himself, the Glenmore Distilling Company and the Eagle Distilling Company, assigned today to the Columbia Finance and Trust Company of Louisville. The assets and liabilities are estimated to be each about \$750,000. The long depres-sion in the whisky business and inability

COLLECTOR WHITE'S APPEAL.

ft Was Docketed Today in the United States Supreme Court.

to continue loans are given as the cause.

In the United States Supreme Court today was docketed the appeal of Collector White of West Virginia from the recent decision enjoining the collector from reassigning storekeepers and gaugers. Sen-

assigning storekeepers and gaugers. Sen-ator Faulkner appeared for the plaintiffs in the case and Assistant Attorney General Boyd and District Attorney Gaines of West Virginia for the collector. Immediately after the recess of the Su-preme Court a motion will be made with the consent of both sides to advance the case, and it is thought that the court will grant the motion, thus bringing about an early decision on the matter.

BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION.

A reference to the statement below will show that the circulation sworn to is a bona fide one. It is easily possible for a newspaper with an elastic conscience to

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CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE.

Favorable Action on Many Presidential Nominations.

The Senate today confirmed these nominations: Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri, to be minister to Russia; Archibald J. Sampson of Arizona, to be minister to Ecuador; William R. Finch of Wisconsin, to be minister to Paraguay and Uruguay; Laurits S. Swenson of Minnesota, to be minister to Denmark; George H. Bridgman of New Jersey, to be minister to Bolivin; W. Godfrey Hunter of Kentucky, to be minister to Guatemala and Honduras; Wm. W. Thomas, jr., of Maine, to be minister to Sweden and Norway; Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia, to be commissioner of internal revenue.

To be consul generals—Luther W. Os-

born of Nebraska at Apia and Nukualofa, born of Nebraska at Apia and Nukualofa, Tonga; John L. Bittinger of Missouri at Montreal; Eugene Seeger of Illinois at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; James T. Dubois of Pennsylvania at Saint Gall, Switzereland; William R. Holloway of Indiana at St. Petersburg, Russia, Frank C. Partridge of Vermont at Tangiar Morrocco ermont at Tangier, Moroc

To be consuls-Frank M. Brundage of Pennsylvania, at Aix la Chapelle, Germany; Irvin Shaw of Pennsylvania, at Barranquilia, Colombia: Talbot J. Albert of Maryland, at Brunswick, Germany; Daniel Mayer of West Virginia, at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic: John H. Carroll of Maryland, at Cadiz, Spain; Chester W. Martin of Michigan at Ambersthurg Ont. Martin of Michigan, at Amberstburg, Ont.: Rafael Madrigal of Maryland, at Cartagena, Colomola; Charles E. Monteith of Idaho at Chatham, Ont.: William W. Mills of Texas, at Chihuahua, Mexico; C. P. Snyder of West Virginia, at Cludad Porfirio Diaz. Mexico. Diaz. Mexico.

John A. Barnes of Illinois, at Cologne, Germany; John C. Ingersoll of Illinois, at Copenhagen, Denmark; Julian Phelps of Iowa, at Crefeld, Germany; L. B. Smith lowa, at Creteld, Germany; L. B. Smith of Maine, at Curacao, West Indies; Edward C. Cramer of Wisconsin, at Florence, Italy; H. S. Culver of Ohio, at London, Ont.; Jos. I. Brittain of Ohio, at Nantes, France; Chas. B. Harris of Indiana, at Nagasaki, Japan; James Franklin Darnall of Indiana, at Nogales, Mexico; John E. Kehl of Ohio, at Stettin, Germany.

Augustus G. Seyfert of Pennsylvania, at Stratford, Ont.; Mifflin W. Gibbs of Arkan-

Augustus G. Seyrert of Pennsylvania, at Stratford, Ont.; Mifflin W. Gibbs of Arkan-sas, at Tamatave, Madagascar; Abraham B. Jones of Alabama, at Tuxpan, Mexico; Alvin Smith of Ohio, at Trinidad, West Indies; Jos. T. Hoke of West Virginia, at Windsor, Nova Scotia.

Robert P. Skinner of Ohio, at Marseilles, France; Frank W. Mahin of Iowa, at Reichenterg, Bohemia; Lewis Dexter of Rhode Island, at Leeds, England. Marshall Halstead of New York, at Birmingham, England.

Wm. Penn Nixon, to be collector of customs at Chicago; Wm. P. Williams of Illibe assistant treasurer at Chicago;

hos, to be assistant treasurer at Chicago; John C. Ames, marshal of the United States northern district of Illinois; J. S. Spear, jr., of California, surveyor of cus-tems at San Francisco; John Peterson of Minnesota, to be collector of customs, dis-trict of Minnesota; James H. Cooper of New York to be collector of customs dis-New York, to be collector of customs, district of Oswego, N. Y. Richard LeBerk, surveyor general of Col-

John H. Walkenherst of Missouri, to be appraiser of merchandise, port of St. Louis,

To be Indian agents-Harlan C. Baird of Nebraska, at Santee agency; W. H. Smeed of Montana, at Flathead Indian agency; Thos. H. Fuller of Montana, at Blackfoot Indian agency; J. C. Clifford of Montana, at Tongue River agency in Montana. Samuel Gordon of Montana, to be register of the land office at Miles City, Mont. Jos. M. Rhoades of Montana, receiver of public moneys at Miles, Mont.

APPROPRIATION BILLS.

General Outline of the Committee's Program.

The program of the appropriation bills to be reported to the House has been outlined in a general way. The appropriations committee will get to work on the District of Columbia bill just before Congress convenes after the holiday recess, and it will be several weeks before it can be put in shape for report.

The next bill the committee will take up is the fortifications and the sundry civil bill will be brought up late in February or March, as now indicated. Meantime the urgent deficiency bill will be taken up and put through. All these will originate with the appropriations committee. The army bill will be reported to the full

committee in the first week after the recess and will go to the House probably early the following week. It will carry a large decrease from the estimates, though an increase over the last year's appropriations. The agricultural bill will be finished by the subcommittee the first week after the subcommittee the first week after the re-cess and will be reported immediately. The naval bill is now pending the con-The haval bill is now pending the consideration of the subcommittee. The post office appropriation bill may be called up Monday if the subcommittee is here then, but at any rate will not be reported until

Plumbers Must Show Cause.

the middle or latter part of January.

The Commissioners today directed Plumb ers Fowler and McCarthy to show cause why their license as master plumbers should not be suspended for violating the plumbing regulations. It is contended by the Com-missioners that the firm committed a viola-tion by connecting premises 2416 Bright-wood avenue with the water service of No. 2414; No. 2420 with No. 2418; No. 2424 with No. 2429 and No. 2302 8th street with No. No. 2422, and No. 2362 8th street with No.

Promotions Ordered.

man at \$790 per annum, vice H. C. Hird, resigned. C. W. Thomas, chainman in the same department, has likewise been promoted, vice W. M. Barton, resigned. R. L. Russell has been promoted to take Williams' place.

Will Probably Go to the Klondike With Supplies.

Secretary Alger's Preparations Send Relief to the Miners-Bids to Be Asked.

It is probable that Captain David L. Brainerd of the subsistence department of the army will be placed in charge of one of the relief parties that Secretary Alger will send into the Klondike region with provisions. He is now on duty at the army building in New York city and has been ordered to report without delay to General Merriam, the commander of the Department of the Columbia at Portland, Ore. On the way he will stop in Washington for consultation with Secretary Alger.

Captain Brainerd is chosen to take particular charge of the commissariat department of the expedition, a cuty for which he is particularly well fitted, not only by reason of his present station in the army, but because of his arctic experience. Captein Brainerd was a sergeant in the old signal corps and accompanied General Greely on his arctic explorations. It was increased covering to the harden of Brainord largely owing to the heroism of Brainerd that the small remnant of the Greely party was enabled to prolong life until succor arrived.

In addition, Brainerd held the honor un-til Nansen's later teat of having made the farthest north ever reached.

He will go to Dyea, or Skaguay, or Chil-He will go to Dyea, or Skaguay, or Chil-cat river with two officers, to be selected by General Merriam, to arrange for the relief expeditions, and if the others, as is ex-pected, find it necessary to return to Seat-tle to report, Capt. Brainerd will remain on the ground to carry out the arrangements. Secretary Alger and Gen. Miles are giving much study to the best means of getting in supplies to the miners in the Yukon coun-try, and it has been decided to ask bids for the delivery of stores directly at Dyea, for the delivery of stores directly at Dyea, for the delivery of stores directly at Dyea, Skaguay or Chileat. This is believed to be a better course than to have the goods delivered at one of the seaports in washington or Oregon or California. Already a great deal of rivalry has sprung up among the towns on the coast for the acceptance being the shipping port of the stores and the business that will follow, and by requiring bidders to deliver their goods discountries will he towns on the coast for the honor of quiring bidders to deliver their goods directly in Alaska, the War Department will e saved the necessity of making a choice among them.

Secretary Alger's estimate now is that no less than 3,000,000 pounds of food stores will be required for the expedition, and this fact makes the transportation problem a very serious one. It is estimated that a reindeer carnot safely be loaded with more than 300 pounds, so that no less than a thousand head of these animals would be required as a pack train if they were the

sole reliance.
One question that has engaged the Secretary's attention is that of securing the con-sent of the Canadian government for the passage of the relief expeditions over that part of Canadian territory which must necessarily be traversed in reaching the miners. It will be necessary to obtain a nermit for a military expedition to pass for permit for a military expedition to pass, for one thing, and also to secure a remission of duties on the supplies that are to be carried in. It is probable that to attain his object in the shortest possible period of time, Secretary Alger will go himself to Ottawa in a few days and deal directly nutting. tawa in a few days and deal directly with the Canadian authorities instead of relying on the slow-moving processes of diplomacy.

DIPLOMATIC BREAKFAST GIVEN UP. In View of the Recent Death of the

President's Mother. In view of the recent death of the President's mother, the breakfast usually given to the members of the diplomatic corps by the Secretary of State at his residence New Year morning, following their presentation to the President at the White House, will be omitted this winter. Notice to this effect has been given to the various embassies and legations. They have also been officially advised that there will be no reception at th New Year day. eption at the Executive Mansion on

THE HOOPER SCHOOL.

Prospect That It Will Not Have to

Close. Mr. Balley Willis of 1330 F street, treasurer of the Hooser Kindergarten School. which was described in Thursday's Star, expresses the hope that the school will not be forced to close after January 1, as was thought might be the case. Responses have been received by him for the school in the shape of contributions for its continuance, and it is expected that others will follow. If subscriptions do not come in continuance of the school after the first of the year, Mr. Willis, as treasurer, will most likely make strenuous efforts to raise the amount necessary. The school has been languishing greatly for the past two or three months, and has been practically supported by one or two persons. As was told in The Star, the sum of \$38 a month is all that is required to insure its continuance after the first of the year. It will not close before June should the money

BELT RAILWAY SALE.

Monday Next. The decree of the court ordering the sale of the Belt railway will in all proba-

bility be signed Monday next. Mr. Nathaniel Wilson of counsel for the trustee representing the bondholders of the railway company, expressed that opinion to a Star reporter today.

The unsecured creditors of the company will have twenty days after the signing of the decree in which to note an appeal from the decision of Judge Cox. The creditors have expressed their intention to prevent the sale of the road and thereBy protect their interests, if such is possible, and it is likely that notice of appeal will be given soon after the signing of the

Messrs. S. S. Daish & Son are the only creditors who can carry the matter to the Supreme Court of the United States in the event that the Court of Appeals sustains Judge Cox, as the claim of that firm is the only one among those of all the creditors that involves a sum greater than

\$5,000.

Mr. John B. Daish, a member of the firm, today assured a Star reporter that its claim will be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States, if such step

Hearing Adjourned Indefinitely.

Arguments were begun today before Judge Cole, in Circuit Court No. 1, on the rule to show cause, issued the 3d instant, on the petition of Maria Antoinette Valentine of Brooklyn, N. Y., who prays the ccurt to command Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, to pay to her, as ssignee, residue of interest on two board of audit certificates, originally issued to the Evans Concrete Company, of \$19,616.25 and \$909.40, respectively. The treasurer claims, in a letter to the petitioner's attor-rey, B. F. Valentine, of November 3, 1897, that he has no authority to pay the said additional interest additional interest.

Judge Cole, desiring to consult authorities in regard to certain points in connection with the matter, the hearing was adjourned indefinitely.

The Woman's Law Class. The Woman's Law Class closes its examination for the last quarter this week and begins the second quarter with classes in contracts, who recite to Mrs. Ellen in contracts, who recite to Mrs. Ellen Spencer Muser; in equity, to Miss Emma M. Gillett, and in pleading, to Prof. W. J. Newton, formerly of the National University. There has been a large increase in pupils enrolled this year, and in January, 1898, the lecture course will be opened by Judge Cole on domestic relations, to be followed by Prof. Robinson, dean of the law department of the Catholic University, and Mrs. J. Ellen Foster of the Washington bar.

It matters little what it is that you want whether a situation or a servant—swant" ad. in The Star will reach the person who can fill your need.

BRAINERD TO BE IN CHARGE RELIEF FOR KLONDIKE THE FINANCIAL SIDE

House Agrees to the Conference Re-

SUPPLIES MUST BE PURCHASED

Eulogies on the Late Representative Cooke.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

This being the last day of the session before the holidays, the chaplain of the House of Representatives took occasion, in his opening prayer today, to refer to the approaching season of peace and good will, and to pay a tribute to the late Representative Cooke of Illinois, whose eulogies were set for today.

The conference report on the emergency relief measure for the Klondike country was presented and agreed to. It compro mises the amount of relief at \$200,000, prorides for securing the consent of Canada to extending the consent of Canada to extending the relief to the Canadian side, and authorizes the use of the army to carry out the relief measures. It also provides that the supplies must be purchased instead of being denated.

House bill was passed confirming certain cash entries of public lends.

cash entries of public lands.

The Speaker announced several commitee changes, including Royce (Ind.), to suc ceed Johnson (Ind., resigned) as chairman of elections committee No. 2; Codding (Pa.), to succeed Kirkpatrick (Pa.) on Pa-At 12:30 p.m. Mr. Boutelle (Ill.) offered

resolutions of profound regret on the death of Mr. Cooke (Ill.), and eulogies were be-It was the first time Mr. Boutelle, who

succeeds Mr. Cooke, had spoken in the House. He paid a high tribute to the deceased, and referred to President McKinley's recent bereavement in the loss of his mother.

Mr. Boutelle said in the course of his remarks:

"My acquaintance with Mr. Cooke, which afterward ripened into friendship and es-teem, began when he was about to enter public life, and since then there has been a singular sequence in the events of our lives. Fifteen years ago he was elected a member of the general assembly of the state of Illinois from what was then the sixth senatorial district, a district which was almost identical with the present sixth congressional district. When his term in the state legislature expired thirteen years ago he declined to be a candidate for reelection, and largely through the influence of Mr. Cooke and his friends I was nominated and elected as his successor. In 1894 and again in 1896 he was elected a member of this House, and when, a few months ago, he was called to a higher assembly, and it become necessary to elect his successor, the choice again fell upon me.

"And so it has come to pass, as part of this strange series of coincidences, that the first words that I should be called upon to utter in this chamber should be a tribute of affectionate regard to him who was doubly my friend and predecessor. But what place my friend and predecessor. But what place could be more fitting in which to pay such a tribute than this hall—the scene of his best labors, where his genial presence was so familiar and where we would all rejoice to see him again today. To me the cloud that overshadowed the contest for the choice of his successor was the thought that it was to fill the place of one whose life has been so full of useful labors for life has been so full of useful labors for the people, so rich in promise of a still more useful future."

Those who paid tribute to the deceased member were Messrs. Boutelle, Foss, Henderson, Belknap, Royce, Mann, Brostus Hopkins, Dinsmore, Graff, Moody, Prince

At 2:10 the eulogies being concluded the House adjourned to January 5.

SENATE.

In response to a resolution introduced by Mr. Allen (Neb.) the Secretary of the Treasury today reported to the Senate that there are no supernumerary employes in been retired upon pay, except some members of the revenue cutter service, who have been retired under law.

A joint resolution was passed providing for the expenditure of \$10,000 more than originally intended upon the government building at the trans-Mississippi international exposition at Omaha, Neb.; that \$2,500 be appropriated for a building at the exposition for a display of the life-saving service, and that the cost of the government display be reduced from \$150,000 to \$137,500, the entire cost of the government buildings at the exposition to be \$62,500.

Mr. Cullom (Ill.) secured the adoption of resolution directing the heads of the several executive departments of the government to inform the Senate what post tions in their departments ought, in their opinion, to be excepted from the operation of the civil service law, and what changes

or modifications in the law ought to Mr. Platt (Conn.) secured the adoption of a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Interior to report to the Senate the present status in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, in the Indian territory, of the freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, and also his suggestions and recommendations as to further legislation properly to adjust their status and settle heir just claims.

Mr. Allen (Neb.) introduced a resolution,

which was passed, directing the Postmaster General to inform the Senate of all railway and steamship mail contracts made with the United States now in force, the names of persons or companies with whom they are made, the service to be performed and the sum to be paid by the United States. Mr. White (Cal.) presented a resolution, which was agreed to. calling upon the President, if not incompatible with public interests, to inform the Senate what action had been taken in behalf of J. K. Spring and Charles W. Nelson, citizens of Califor

nia, held as prisoners in the republic of ed a resolution calling upon the Secretary of State for all papers from the Haitler government relating to Bernard Campbell. On motion of Mr. Hale (Me.), the Senate then, at 12:40 p.m., went into executive ses

At 2 p.m. the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, January 5, 1898.

REGULATIONS AMENDED. New Clause Introduced to Govern

Electric Circuits. The Commissioners have amended the police regulations by changing the number of article XVII to article XVIII and by adding thereto the following, to be known as article XVII: A

Section 1. The furnishing of electric light or power on a gircul any portion of which is through a grounded return, or which is intentionally grounded, will not be permit ted, excepting in the power stations, cars and car houses of electric railways, and at street crossings required to be lighted at street crossings required to be lighted by any railway commany under the terms of its charter nor shall any dynamo with one pole grounded be used to furnish elec-tric light or power, except for the purposes above stated Section 2. Any person violating any pro-vision of this article shall, upon convic-tion thereof in Police Court, be punished by a fine of not less than 35 nor more than 350 for each offense.

Wants Partnership Dissolved. A bill in equity, asking the dissolution of a partnership and the appointment of a receiver, was this afternoon filed by Geo. receiver, was this afternoon filed by Geo.
G. Hammer against Oriando C. Ketcham.
Judge Cox, to whose attention the matter
was called, appointed Albert Harper receiver. It is alleged in the bill that for a
year past the parties have been conducting
the business of general commission merchants at \$21% Louisiana avenue, under
the firm name G. G. Hamner & Co.

Meeting of Committee to Arrange for Entertaining H. E. A. Convention.

List of Contributors to the General Fund-Report Made by Secretary O'Neill.

A meeting of the financial committee of the local executive committee of the National Educational Association was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the office of the Spencerian Business College, 9th and D streets northwest. It was presided over by the chairman, Thomas W. Smith, and was for the purpose of fully organizing, as well as receiving individual suggestions from the different members of the committee, for the carrying out of financial plans for the coming convention.

Contributions were announced by Secretary O'Neill, as follows: Isadore Saks, \$100; William A. Wimsatt, \$10; W. B. Moses & Sons, \$100; Joseph Auer-

\$10; W. B. Moses & Sons, \$100; Joseph Auerbach, \$20; Fraderic L. Moore, \$25; Bernard T. Janney, \$10; John R. Major, \$10; B. B. Barnshaw, \$10; Henry B. Looker, \$2; Thomas W. Smith, \$100; Henry F. Biount, \$100; Loring Chappel, \$10; James B. Lambie, \$10; Frank Hume, \$10; Dr. I. S. Stone, \$10; William H. Saunders, \$5; A. Gude & Bro., \$10; George W. Cochran, \$25; S. B. Hege, \$10; cash, \$40; Lansburgh & Bro., \$25; M. J. Mulaney, \$25; Dr. G. L. Magruder, \$10; R. Ross Perry, \$10; Stilson Hutchins, \$50; Marcus Baker, \$5; William D. Campbell, \$5; R. A. Shemore, \$5; Geo. A. Armes, \$5; Jas. L. Parsons, \$25; William G. Lown, \$10; H. N. Beall, \$5; W. J. Frizzell, \$10; Charles J. Bell, \$100; W. H. William G. Lown, \$10; H. N. Beall, \$5; W. J. Frizzell, \$10; Charles J. Bell, \$100; W. H. Seiden, \$50; Woodward & Lothrop, \$100; Albert M. Read, \$10; George F. Huff, \$10; Rev. B. L. Whitman, \$50, W. S. Thompson, \$25; Wolf Nordlirger, \$5; A. T. Stuart, \$20; A. J. Huntington, \$10; John W. Ross, \$25; C. A. Muddiman, \$5. Co., Ellis Speace, \$50. A. J. Huntington, \$10; John W. Abear, \$20, C.A. Muddiman, \$5; Gen. Ellis Spear, \$20, Job Barnard, \$10; J. B. Gregg Custis, \$10; John Washington Steamboat Company, \$100; Rev. J. Haven Richards, \$50; pany, \$25; Thomas Somerville & Sons, \$25; The Advertising Company, \$1; Evening Star Newspaper Co., \$160; Washington Post, \$100; Washington Times, \$100: Mrs. Sara A Spencer, \$100; Mr. S. W. Woodward, \$10; Mr. S. B. Hege, \$10; Charles J. Bell, \$10; Riggs and National Hotels, \$500; Arlington, \$500, Ebbitt House, \$500; Columbia Railway Company, \$50.

way Company, \$50. Cash contributions—Thomas W. Smith, Cash contributions—Thomas W. Smith, \$100; William M. Galt & Co., \$100; Independent Ice Co. (C. B. Church, president), \$25; Charles B. Church, \$10; Dr. Richard Kingsmann, \$25; A. S. Worthington, \$15; Johnson & Wimsatt, \$10; Ellis W. Brown, \$10; Robert F. Hill, \$1; Myron M. Parker, \$10; Daniel Fraser, \$10; E. F. Droop & Sons, \$10; C. H. Burgess, \$5; H. P. Montgomer, \$5; F. A. Dinspore \$5; F. P. May gomery, \$5; R. A. Dinsmore, \$5; F. P. May & Co., \$10; H. M. Johnson, \$1. Total, \$352.

A meeting of the local executive com-

mittee, of which Rev. Dr. B. L. Whitman is chairman, will be held Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the Columbian University. A circular has just been issued by the financial committee, telling of the wants and needs of the convention and giving oth-

LITTLE TOMMY TOMASSO.

Contest Involving His Guardianship Pending in Police Court.

Tommy Tomasso, the little Italian boy who was to have been sent back to Italy next week, in accordance with an arrangement made between the Italian consul and the proper authorities of the District, was today remanded by Judge Kimball to the care of the board of children's guardians until Thursday next.

Tommy was before Judge Kimball a few days ago because, as was alleged, he was not properly treated by his father, and during the investigation it was developed that the older Tomasso claimed to be a subject of Italy, with no intention of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States. Judge Kimball, as was stated in The Star at the time, handed the boy over to the board of children's guardians to await the

disposition of the case, which it was ex-pected would be made today. hen the case was he had several conferences with the Italian consul on the subject, and that he had decided to return the boy to his father upon the promise that the latter would at once send the boy to his mother in Italy.

Counsel for the boy asked Judgé Kimball not to finally dispose of the case until he had more fully investigated the matter; that the surrendering of the boy to the parent meant handing him over to "torment and torture." It was further claimed that the statements made by the father in at-

tempting to retain possession of the boy were a tissue of falsehoods. Assistant District Attorney Laskey said he would previous to Thursday have a conference with the proper officials of the State Department in reference to the au-thority of Judge Kimball over the case. The boy was then given into the care of Chief Clerk Douglas of the board, until the day appointed for the rehearing.

CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING.

James J. Schenck to Be Brought Here for Trial. James J. Schenck, who says he lives in Delaware, was given a hearing in Philadelphia yesterday on a charge of having stelen s horse and buggy from Mr. P. H. Christman in this city, several days ago. Detective Gallaher was present at the hearing with a Police Court warrant for the man's arrest, and the United States commissioner before whom the case was brought committed Schenck for the local authorities. Bond in the case was fixed at \$1,200, which the prisoner was unable furnish.

The same day Mr. Christman's team was taken a horse and buggy belonging to Mr. Frank Carver, the architect, was also stolen. This outfit was subsequently found in Baltimore, where it had been abar Schenck, who is under arrest in Phila deiphia, will be brought here by the mar-shal of that city. The prisoner denies that he stole the property, and says he purchas-ed it at his home.

PUBLICATION DELAYED.

Sixty Pages of Stereotype of New City

Henry Dean today pleaded guilty of the larceny of fifty pounds of type metal, valued at \$3, from Hartman & Cadick, and was sent to jail for sixty days by Judge Kimball. Mr. Hartman testified that over sixty pages of stereotype of the new city directory had been stolen from them, thereby delaying greatly the appearance of the 1898 edition.

Exempted From Taxation. The Commissioners today ordered that all the lands and buildings of the Catholic University be exempt from taxation, commencing from July 1, 1897, and so long as they are used for educational purposes.

Restricting Merry-Go-Rounds. Hereafter, so the Commissioners propose no circus, merry-go-round or flying-horse machine shall be located or operated on any lot or open space in the city unless the written consent of two-thirds of the residents within two squares in each direction from the proposed blace of location shall first have been obtained. To carry into effect this measure, the Commissioners have amended sections 13 and 14 of the police regulations.

Auditor Petty wishes it understood that he has nothing to do with claims growing out of the destruction of the old Northern Liberty Market. Auditor Payne of the District Supreme Court has the matter in charge, and it is said no attorney appears to be necessary, although it is said that 75 per cent of the claimants have employ-ed counsel.

Mr. Oyster More Comfortable. Mr. George M. Oyster, sr., whose illness has caused such alarm and anxiety to his family and his friends, was reputed as improving and resting more comfortably today. His condition, however, is still serious.

THE N. E. A. CONVENTION.

Committee on Halls Arranging for Its

The first meeting of the local committee on halls in connection with the approaching convention of the National Educational Association, to be held in this city in the early part of July next, took place yesterday afternoon in the board of trade rooms, Ames building. The chairman of the committee, Superintendent of Schools W. B. Powell, opened the meeting with a brie outline of the work to be done, stating that arrangements must be made to provide the convention, and also the seventeen sections into which it is divided, with suitable places of meeting.

The secretary read a letter from Rev. J. G. Butler, stating that he would be giad to use his good offices in having the Luther Place Memorial Church, of which he is pastor, put at the disposal of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Marcus Baker, a subcommittee, consisting of the following named members, was appointed, with in-structions to obtain all available informa-tion relative to the various halls and churches of the city, seating capacity, convenience, rental, etc., report thereon to be made to the full committee at its next meeting. The committee consists of Prof W. B. Powell, chairman; Mr. Marcus Baker, Mr. C. D. Clark and Miss Anna Tolman

It was also decided that the members of the subcommittee should ascertain, as far as practicable, from the pastors of the principal churches of the city to what extent the latter would be available for the use of the convertient. use of the convention and its several departments.

During the course of the meeting it developed, from the expressions of some of the leading clergymen of the city, which were brought to the attention of the committee, that the churches would doubtless co-operate heartily to the end that th members of the great convention and their guests may be accommodated in the best possible manner. The committee is much ercouraged over the outlook, and believes that the churches will not hesitate in contributing the desired accommodations as their share of the work which is entailed on the national capital in the entertainment of the association.

Those present at the meeting were Prof. W. B. Powell, Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin, D.D.; Rev. S. H. Greene, D.D.; Rev. Frank Sew-all, Marcus Baker, S. W. Woodward, Stil-son Hutchins, C. D. Clark, W. H. Rapley son Hutchins, C. D. Clark, wand Miss Anna Tolman Smith.

CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSING.

Merchants to Keep Their Establishments Shut All Day.

There is a movement on foot, with every indication and promise of success, to secure an agreement between the merchants of Washington to close their establishments all day Christmas. A paper is being circulated containing such an agreement by Mr. G. A. Stoner, and has already been signed by Saks & Co., Emmons S. Smith of the Boston Variety Store, Seaton Perry, Parker, Bridget & Co., the Bon Marche, Robinson, Chery & Co., S. Kann, Sons & Co. and M. Dyrenforth & Co.

A well-known merchant said today, in conversation with a Star reporter, that he hoped that all the stores would be closed all day Christmas.

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"The clerks are now, and have been, working overtime on account of the Christmas business rush, and next week they will be on duty night and day, working like beavers for their employers. They should certainly have Christmas day in its entirety, and I am in great hopes that all merchants will be found of my way of merchants will be found of my way of thinking. The public is not in a buying mood on such a holiday, anyhow," he con-tinued, "and I believe I am within con-servative bounds when I state that ninetyeight out of every hundred people in the District will heartily approve the course of the merchants if they give their clerks an all-day holiday on the greatest festival of

A Christmas Gift.

From the San Antonio (Tex.) Express.

From the Hagerstown (Md.) Herald.

Christmas day.

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as re-

Open. High. Low. Close. American Spirits..... American Sugar, American Sugar, pfd... American Tobacco..... American Cotton Oil... Atchison Bultimore & Onio. Bay State Gas. Canada Pacific
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Ont. & Western
Pacific Mail
Phila. & Reading
Pulman P. C. Co. 107% 22 60% 15% 29% 22%

25% 62% 17% 80%

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M scellancons Bonds.—Metropolitan Railrond 5s 116% bid. Metropolitan Railrond corv. 6s. 122 bid. 125% asked. Metropolitan Railrond corvilacates of indebtedness. A, 1:25 bid. Metropolitat Railrond certificates of indebtedness. B, 115 bid. Belt Railrond 5s. 7 Sasked. Eckington Railrond 6s. 125 bid. 109 asked. Columbia Railrond 6s. 125 bid. 109 asked. Columbia Railrond 6s. 125 bid. 123 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s. series B, 112 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s. series B, 112 bid. U. S. Electric Light debenture imp. 103 bid. Chesapenke and Potomac Telephone 5s. 102 bid. American Security and Trust 5s. A and O, 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s. A and O, 100 bid. Washington Market Company ext. 6s. 110 bid. Masanic Hall Association 5s. 107 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s. 90 bid. 104 asked.

National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington. 27 bid. 399 asked. Metropolitan, 305 bid. 315 asked Central, 239 bid. Earmers and Mechanics. 185 bid. Columbia, 130 bid. Capital, 120 bid. West End. 105 bid. 107 asked. Traders', 97 bid. Lincoln, 106% bid. 107 asked. Traders', 97 bid. Lincoln, 106% bid. 107 asked. Traders', 97 bid. Lincoln, 106% bid. 107 asked. Traders', 121 bid. 125 asked. Washington Safe Deposit and Trust, 121 bid. 125 asked. Washington Safe Deposit and Trust, 1474 bid. 150 asked. Washington Safe Deposit. 50 bid. Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction. 62% bid. 68 asked. Metropolitan, 119 bid. Columbia, 63 bid. 68 asked. Metropolitan, 119 bid. Columbia, 68 bid. 68 asked. Metropolitan, 119 bid. Columbia, 68 bid. 68 asked.

Decree of Divorce Granted. Judge Cox today signed a decree dive

Cent Today.

SUGAR DECLINED 5 PER CENT

The Week as a Whole Showed a

Fractional Loss.

FINANCE AND TRADE

New Jersey Central Advanced 9 Per

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, December 18.-In comparison with early week prices, today's final figures reflect considerable irregularity, in which New Jersey Central, at an advance of nearly 9 per cent, and American Sugar, at a decline of 5 per cent, are the most conspicuous.

Taking the more active issues in all departments into consideration, the net result of the week's operations is fractionally unfavorable to prices. This result is due entirely to professional

attacks, coupled with the assistance of profit-taking on speculative holdings over the holidays. Underlying sentiment is strongly preju-

diced in favor of higher prices, and no significant opposition to this view is visible. The trading this morning was devoted to a liberal covering of outstanding contracts, advances varying from ½ to 2½ per cent following. In almost every instance the best prices were recorded during

the last ten minutes of trading. Rumors of large gold importations were utilized in advancing prices, but the leading foreign banking houses were quoted as being ignorant of such intentions. A slight tendency toward increasing firmness in the money market inspired these reports, the presumption being that local institutions having foreign credits would draw against them in order to take advantage of the loan demand incident to the January trade

The weekly reports of commercial operatiens were all of an encouraging nature, and indicate a growing demand for holiday and staple commodities. Railroad earnings for the last week con-

tinue to reflect substantial increases and, in many instances, are accompanied by assurances that the current period will resurances that the current period will reflect even greater prosperity.

The banks have lost during the week \$4,-481,000 in lawful money, all in legal tenders. The loans have decreased \$1,000,000, which is somewhat inconsistent with the general idea of an increasing demand for borrowable funds, but this demand is prospective only.

Prective only.

There seems to be little doubt that the banks will have a more profitable interest account during the coming year. The de-deposits have decreased about \$525,000,000, bringing the surplus down to \$15,728,050. In view of the probable demand for money it is not unlikely that foreign balances will be added to the latter fund. Contrary to recent custom, Washington legislation is not at present a menace to prices, and there seems to be a reasonable

possibility of evading agitations of an un-welcome character. Should this prospect continue, routine developments will not be thwarted in aiding the advancing move-The coming week may open under the influence of today's strength and higher prices prevail for a time, but the holidays are to be included in the dominant factors and realizing sales are certain toward the close of that period. Lower prices within fractional limits from a higher level will

not, therefore, be lacking in explanation. FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

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Mashington Stock Exchange.

Sales-regular call—12 o'clock m.—Capital Traction, 3 at 63%; 3 at 63%. American Graphophone, 50 at 9%; 25 at 9%; 5 oat 9%; 75 at 9%. Lanston Manotype, 50 at 29%. After call—American Graphophone, preferred, 100 at 10%; 30 at 10%. U. S. Electric Light, 10 at 100%; 10 at 100%, 10 at 100%. Joint of Columbia Bends.—20-year fund 5s. 102% bid. 30-year fund 6s. gold, 111 bid, 111 asked.

M scellan-ous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad 5s. 116% bid. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 122 bid, 125% asked. Metropolitan Railroad certification.

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45. asked. Title Insurance Stocks.—Real Estate Title, bid. 95 asked. Columbia Title, 25% bid. 55% ask Washington Title, 3 bid. District Title, 3 bid. Telephone Shocks.—Pennsylvania, 40 bid, asked. Chesapeake and Potomac, 65 bid, 70 ask American Graphophone, 9% bid, 9% asked. Am can Graphophone, preferred, 10 bid, 195% ask Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 48 bid, 49 asked. Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linoty x126 bid, 137% asked. Lannton Monotype, 1 bid, 20% asked. Washington Market, 16 bid, 112 asked. Nerfolk Washington Steamboat, 100 asked. Lincoln H 90 asked. Lincoln H

here as the mouthpiece of the administra-tion, closes a labored editorial on the currency reform pledge embodied in the re-publican platform last year with the fol-lowing significant utterance: "The republican party has no history which comports with mere juggling with catch phrases. It declared at St. Louis for protection, and the Dingley bill is the redemption of that promise. It likewise declared for currency referm. Now, what does it mean by cur-rency reform? How is the country to know until it presents a measure embody-ing its policy? Discussion at least is in or

der. Business will not be disturbed by

The Washington Star makes a very com-mendable protest against the granting by the interstate commerce commission of consent to extend the safety appliance equipment period for five years. It is difficult to see why it should take so long a time to comply with the provisions of such an admirable law as that designed to protect the lives and limbs of railroad men.

Pullman P. C. Co.

Southern Ry., pfa..... Phila. Traction.... Texas Pacific....

The Washington Star still further muddles the money question by calling atten-tion to the fact that in Dawson City gold remains at a discourt, with a heavy pre-mium on cannot goods.

mium on canned goods. ARLINGTON.

Mrs. Charles Corbett and family have gone to Cripple Creek, Col., and will make their home timore on account of the illness of his mother. Mrs. J. B. Hull and daughter, Margaret, and Miss Sara Sommers, started Wednesday emorning for a lengthy visit to relatives in Macomb, III.

Quite a large sum of money was realized from
the concert recently given in the M. E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo G. Hayes and family
started for California on Wednesday last. They
will hereafter reside in that state. A reception
was given to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes in the Balston
Presbyterian Church prior to their departure. An
elaborate program was rendered, after which refreshments were served. Among those who participated were Rev. Mr. Andrews, Messrs. Whallon, Ball and Croson, and Mrs. Young, and Misses
Munson and Foster. for a lengthy visit to relatives in Maconio, Ill.

Baltimore Markets.

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Baltimore, December 18.—Flour dull, unchanged—receipts, 22,403 barrels; exports, 13,696 barrels; sales, 400 barrels, Wheat steady—spot and month, 37½a97½; January, 97¾a98; steamer No. 2 red, 91¾a92—receipts, 91,190 bushels; exports, 139,786 bushels; steck, 1,217,666 bushels; sales, 28,060 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 02a98; do. on grade, 92¼a97½. Corn easy—spot, 32¾a32; month, 32¾a32½; December, new or old, 32¾a32; january, 32¾a32½; December, new or old, 32¾a32; january, 32¾a32½; steamer mixed, 31a31¼—recelpts, 100,425 bushels; exports, 216,359 bushels; stex, 72,299 bushels; sales, 74,000 bushels—southern white and yellow corn, 28¼a33¼. Oats easier—No. 2 white, 29½; No. 2 wastern, 53a53¼—receipts, 15,745 bushels; exports, (8,570 bushels; exports, none; stock, 444,273 bushels, Rye firm—No. 2 nearby, 52; No. 2 western, 53a53¼—receipts, 15,745 bushels; exports, (8,570 bushels; stock, 317,547 bushels; exports, (8,570 bushels; stock, 317,547 bushels; exports, (8,570 bushels; stock, 317,547 bushels, Hay steady—choice timothy, 313,00 asked. Grain freights quiet, unchanged. Sugar strong, unchanged. Butter quiet, unchanged. Sugar strong, unchanged. Butter quiet, unchanged.

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